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## **Apostle Islands News Release**

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### **Basswood Dock Being Replaced Dock Temporarily Closed**

The National Park Service is pleased to announce that construction will begin in early October to replace the failing Basswood Island dock. As a result, the existing dock will be closed beginning October 3 until construction is completed. The new dock will improve access for park boaters. It also utilizes a more sustainable and environmentally friendly design. The area of the dock closest to shore will be constructed with pilings, allowing for flow-through of sediments and minimizing impacts on coastal processes. This type of design will also reduce sediment build-up, increasing water depth and useable dock space. The area of the dock furthest from shore will be built with bin walls, providing protection for boaters. The deck of the dock will be concrete, reducing long-term maintenance costs. Funding is being provided through a highly competitive National Park Service grant for which Apostle Islands staff wrote a successful proposal.

The campsites on Basswood Island will remain open. However, there will be a construction area surrounding the dock that will be closed to the public. This area will be marked by construction fencing.

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